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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

STATE: Kansas	
COUNTY: Pottawatomie	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

1. NAME	
COMMON:	Old Dutch Mill (preferred name)
AND/OR HISTORIC:	Schonhoff Mill

2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: Wamego City Park			
CITY OR TOWN: Wamego			
STATE Kansas	CODE 66547	COUNTY: Pottawatomie	CODE 149

3. CLASSIFICATION			
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence, <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____ _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY			
OWNER'S NAME: City of Wamego			
STREET AND NUMBER: Post Office Box 86			
CITY OR TOWN: Wamego	STATE: Kansas	CODE 66547	CODE 20

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION			
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Register of Deeds			
STREET AND NUMBER: Pottawatomie County Courthouse			
CITY OR TOWN: Westmoreland	STATE: Kansas	CODE 66549	CODE 20

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS			
TITLE OF SURVEY: Federal Writers' Project of the Work Projects Administration			
DATE OF SURVEY: 1939 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local			
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Records destroyed. A guide book, Kansas, was published in 1939.			
STREET AND NUMBER: in 1939.			
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	CODE	

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Old Dutch Mill, which has been relocated in the city park at Wamego, is a circular structure measuring approximately 20 feet in diameter at the base and reaching a height of 40 feet. The walls are constructed of native limestone laid in a random ashlar pattern and taper in toward the top. The stones are irregularly coursed and are rough hewn giving a rustic, massive appearance to the mill. The roof is a truncated conical form with a penthouse-like structure on top. The top structure has a gable roof, and both roofs have wood shingles. A simple curved wooden fascia denotes the line of the roof above the wall.

A four bladed windmill is attached to the roof on the west side. Window and door openings are simple rectangles with stone sills and lintels.

The mill is a fine example of Vernacular architecture as applied to an unusual function and is the only known stone windmill remaining in the state of this particular design.

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3. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Pre-Columbian☐ 16th Century☐ 18th Century☐ 20th Century☐ 15th Century☐ 17th Century☒ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

1879

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Aboriginal☐ Education☐ Political☐ Urban Planning☐ Prehistoric☐ Engineering☐ Religion/Phi-☐ Other (Specify)☐ Historic☒ Industry

losophy.

☐ Agriculture☐ Invention☐ Science☒ Architecture☐ Landscape☐ Sculpture☐ Art

Architecture

☐ Social/Human-☐ Commerce☐ Literature

itarian

☐ Communications☐ Military☐ Theater☐ Conservation☐ Music☐ Transportation

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Old Dutch Mill, now relocated in Wamego, was built in 1879 by a Dutch immigrant, John B. Schonhoff, on his farm twelve miles north of Wamego. It is said to be patterned after the hundreds of mills located along the Zuider Zee where Schonhoff learned milling techniques. All of the original machinery except the main shaft was constructed by Schonhoff at the site with a crude home-made forge. The main shaft was hauled from Leavenworth by wagon. Jim Chadwick, a Wamego stone mason, erected the 40-foot stone tower from soft, red sandstone quarried on the property. White limestone was used for trim and for the sculptured bust of Ceres, the goddess of grain, which was placed above the window of the mill.

The windmill did custom grinding of feed and flour for a short time, but the business was not successful enough to endure, and sometime in the late 1880's or early 1890's the Schonhoffs ceased operating the mill. In 1898 Ed N. Regnier purchased the farm, which became known as "The Stone Tower Farm." The mill sat idle until 1925 when members of the Wamego city park board suggested the Regniers donate the structure to the city. This was done and the mill was carefully moved, stone by stone, to a 25-foot mound built for the structure in the city park. The area people declared the moving day a holiday and closed shop to help transport the mill. A former Wamego citizen later donated \$1,000 for the restoration of the wooden top and vanes.

Only a very few mills of this type were constructed in Kansas, and the Old Dutch Mill at Wamego is one of only two remaining in the state, both of which have been relocated in city parks. (The other one, however, is of frame construction.) In addition to being an unusual structure architecturally for Kansas, the Old Dutch Mill represents an effort of Kansas immigrants to incorporate their former life styles into a new mode of living. Because of the concern of local citizens, the mill will continue to show future generations the way of the past.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

"A Sign of Welcome," Wamego, Kansas--Queen City of the Kaw (n.p., n.d.), p. 1.
 Bair, Mary Ann, "'Zuyder Zee' Mill Attracts," Topeka Daily Capital, January 31, 1939.
 "Erect Old Dutch Windmill," Manhattan Nationalist, September 23, 1923.
 Haley, Peggy, "Old Dutch Mill Makes Top Tourist Attraction In Northeastern Kansas," Wichita Beacon, July 27, 1958.
 McCarthy, Dan B., "The 'Old Dutch Mill,'" Kansas City Star, May 31, 1959.
The Northwestern Miller, v. 224, no. 7 (November 13, 1945), p. 26.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	0 0 0	0 0 0		0 0 0	0 0 0	
NE	0 0 0	0 0 0		0 0 0	0 0 0	
SE	0 0 0	0 0 0		39 12 06	96 18 03	
SW	0 0 0	0 0 0				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: One

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Charles L. Hall, Architectural Consultant
Richard Pankratz, Planner

ORGANIZATION: Kansas State Historical Society DATE: May 15, 1972

STREET AND NUMBER: 120 West Tenth street

CITY OR TOWN: Topeka STATE: Kansas 66612 CODE: 20

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☒ Local ☐

Name

Nyle H. Miller
 Nyle H. Miller

Title Executive Director, Kansas
State Historical Society

Date June 19, 1972

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date

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